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Message from

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Good afternoon!

Please join us in congratulating the **Employees of the Month** for **February 2018**.

Congratulations to **Matt Audet** in the **Office of Site Remediation and Restoration** and **Dave Peterson** in the **Office of Environmental Stewardship**.



Matt and Dave are being recognized for their indefatigable efforts to make possible a major property transfer at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station Superfund Site, while still ensuring that the Navy's cleanup work on those parcels continues safely and undisturbed.

Redevelopment is ongoing at the site, concurrent with cleanup work. The first step in the current developer, LStar's plan for commercial development was for transfer of Operable Unit 11 ("Building 82") to its first major commercial tenant. The discovery of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater in numerous

areas throughout the site presented a significant challenge not only to Building 82, but to numerous other planned property transfers. Matt and Dave developed a framework which all stakeholders approved, that permits the transfer and redevelopment while allowing the Navy PFAS investigations and cleanup to continue in a manner that is both enforceable and protective of public health and the environment. The framework achieves these goals through creation of a new PFAS groundwater Operable Unit, development of Land Use Controls on properties owned by the Navy, and creation of a Grant of Environmental Restriction between the Navy and LStar to be recorded with the property deeds. Matt and Dave then worked with the parties to finalize the many complex documents this transaction required. Their efforts allowed for the Navy and LStar to close on the transfer on March 6. The same template is expected to be used for transfer of other properties at this site and at other sites in the Region.

For their unrelenting efforts in working with the stakeholders to develop this template that allows for property transfer and redevelopment, while still safeguarding the ongoing investigation and cleanup of contamination, Dave and Matt are well deserving of Employees of the Month.

- Alex and Deb